

South Dakota LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

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MEAT PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST YEAR

SIOUX FALLS, July 21, 2000 -- Commercial red meat production for South Dakota totaled 83.5 million pounds during June. This was up 5 percent from last month and up 1 percent from one year ago, according to USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. For June, beef and pork production were up but sheep and lamb production was down from one year ago.

Commercial hog slaughter for South Dakota totaled 336,400 head during June compared to 335,900 head last year. Average live weight was 259 pounds, which was down 2 pounds from 1999. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 335,400 head, which was comprised of 17,500 sows, and 317,900 barrows and gilts.

Commercial cattle slaughter for South Dakota totaled 25,300 head during June compared to 24,300 head last year. Average live weight was 1,383 pounds, which was up 24 pounds from 1999. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 23,200 head, which was comprised of 2,900 steers, 2,000 heifers, 14,200 cows, and 4,100 bulls.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 1,300 head during June compared to 1,600 head last year. Average live weight was 117 pounds, which was the same as last year. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 1,200 head of lambs and yearlings.

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